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IN THE CLAIMS*The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:*

1. (*Currently Amended*) A breather apparatus of an internal combustion engine for collecting in which an oil content in a from blowby gas generated inside an the internal combustion engine is separated and collected in the engine, comprising:

a first oil separation chamber ~~which is disposed in~~ defined by a substantially vertical outer wall constituting a part of an outer wall of the internal combustion engine and which extends ~~extending~~ substantially in a vertical direction of the internal combustion engine, and including at least one an opening formed in a lower part ~~thereof the first oil separation chamber to introduce through the substantially vertical outer wall for introducing the blowby gas; and~~

a second oil separation chamber ~~which is superposed upon the outside of~~ disposed adjacent to the first oil separation chamber and which is disposed in the vertical wall, and which includes and including a through hole connected to the first oil separation chamber in an upper part and an outflow port to for substantially vertically exhausting the blowby gas out of the second oil separation chamber in a position below the through hole; and

a partition wall separating the first and second oil separation chambers, and having a first through hole for communicating the first and second oil separation chambers, wherein the outflow port is disposed below the first through hole.

2. (*Currently Amended*) The breather apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first oil separation chamber ~~comprises: is defined by a concave which is disposed in an outer surface of the~~ depression recessed in the substantially vertical wall to and extending substantially in a vertical direction and which is recessed in the vertical wall, and a partition wall with which the concave is covered, and wherein the second oil separation chamber ~~comprises: the partition wall; and is defined by a cover member with which the partition wall is covered and which is attached to the an outer surface~~ side of the vertical wall, with the partition wall dividing the first and second oil separation chambers.

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3. *(Currently Amended)* ~~The~~A breather apparatus of ~~the~~an internal combustion engine according to ~~claim 1~~for collecting oil from blowby gas generated inside the internal combustion engine, comprising:

a first oil separation chamber disposed in a substantially vertical outer wall of the internal combustion engine and including at least one opening formed in a lower part thereof for introducing the blowby gas; and

a second oil separation chamber disposed adjacent to the first oil separation chamber and including a through hole connecting the first oil separation chamber in an upper part thereof and an outflow port for exhausting the blowby gas disposed below the through hole,

wherein the substantially vertical wall is a front wall of the internal combustion engine, and the first oil separation chamber is ~~inclined~~/disposed so that a distance between a center line extending vertically along the internal combustion engine and a lower end of the first oil separation chamber is larger than that between the center line and an upper end of the first oil separation chamber.

4. *(Currently Amended)* ~~The~~A breather apparatus of ~~the~~an internal combustion engine according to ~~claim 1~~for collecting oil from blowby gas generated inside the internal combustion engine, comprising:

a first oil separation chamber disposed in a substantially vertical outer wall of the internal combustion engine and including at least one opening formed in a lower part thereof for introducing the blowby gas; and

a second oil separation chamber disposed adjacent to the first oil separation chamber and including a through hole connecting the first oil separation chamber in an upper part thereof and an outflow port for exhausting the blowby gas disposed below the through hole,

wherein the first oil separation chamber ~~comprises~~includes a collision plate in which the blowby gas is allowed to collide with the collision plate to separate the oil ~~content~~, and the second oil separation chamber ~~comprises~~includes a cyclone chamber in which the oil ~~content~~ is separated by a centrifugal force of the blowby gas.

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5. (*Currently Amended*) The breather apparatus of the internal combustion engine according to claim 1, wherein the partition wall further includes a second through hole formed at a lower position than the opening of the first oil separation chamber so that the lower part of the second oil separation chamber is communicate[[d]]s with the first oil separation chamber via the second through hole positioned below the opening of the first oil separation chamber.

6. (*Currently Amended*) ~~The~~<sup>A</sup> breather apparatus of ~~thean~~<sup>an</sup> internal combustion engine according to claim 1 for collecting oil from blowby gas generated inside the internal combustion engine, comprising:

a first oil separation chamber disposed in a substantially vertical outer wall of the internal combustion engine and including at least one opening formed in a lower part thereof for introducing the blowby gas; and

a second oil separation chamber disposed adjacent to the first oil separation chamber and including a through hole connecting the first oil separation chamber in an upper part thereof and an outflow port for exhausting the blowby gas disposed below the through hole.

wherein oil reservoir portions having shapes tapered toward the lower ends are formed in the lower parts of the first and second oil separation chambers.